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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2852  
Examiner: Mr. William J. Royer

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Masahiro FUKUDA et al

Serial No. : 10/648,397

Filed : August 27, 2003

For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Attorney Ref. : MAE 294

AMENDMENT

June 9, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of March 8, 2005, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on June 8, 2005.

A fee of \$ 750 is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicants hereby provisionally petition for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Director may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.

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02 FC:1202

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fee to our Deposit Account  
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